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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

Please see the attached formal response, and feel free to call me at (512) 343.6116 should you have any questions concerning the attached.

1. Response to Restriction Requirement
2. SB/122 - Change of Address

Respectfully submitted,  
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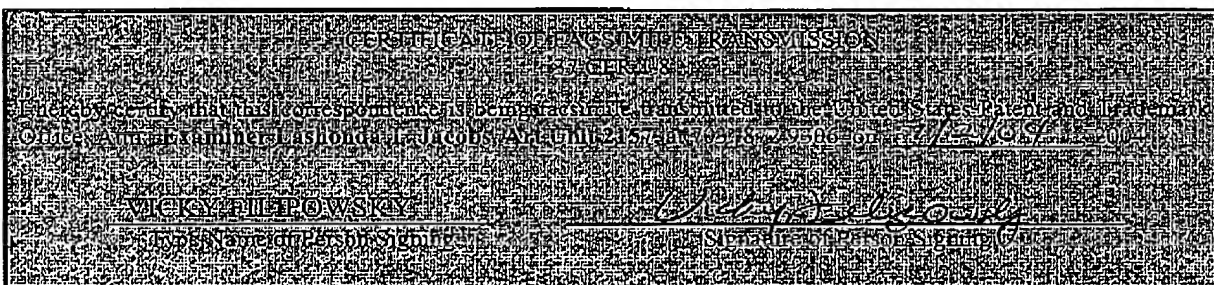
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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE****JUL 02 2004**In re Application of:  
**T. BLOCK ET AL.**Serial No.: **09/800,398**Filed: **MARCH 5, 2001**Title: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
FILTERING INTER-NODE  
COMMUNICATION IN A DATA  
PROCESSING SYSTEM**§  
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§Docket No.: **ROC920000225US1**Examiner: **L. JACOBS**Group Art Unit: **2157****OFFICIAL****RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This response is submitted to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 16, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire July 16, 2004.

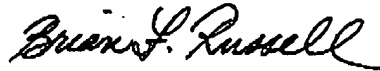


REMARKSElection/Restrictions

In section 1 of the present Office Action, restriction to one of the three inventions is required as set out by the Examiner. Applicants elect Group III, Claims 18-25, without traverse, and cancel Claims 1-17 without prejudice. Applicants maintain that these claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that no fee is required by this amendment; however, in the event any additional fee is required, please charge such fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0465.

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